

**Maine EMS Examination Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 13, 2001
Maine EMS Conference Room, Augusta**

Minutes

Present: J. Vaniotis, D. Gilman, K. Roderick, J. LeBrun, D. Bahr, D. Kinney

Absent: R. Doughty

Staff: D. White

1. Call To Order - The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.

A. Introductions - None

B. Assign Timekeeper – None assigned.

C. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda – Intubation questions regarding National Registry - Kinney .

2. Minutes – January 16, 2001, meeting minutes - review for acceptance

The minutes of the January 16, 2001, meeting were reviewed. Amendments (underlined below) included a change in the second paragraph of 3.A.1 –“Use of section headings was found to be consistent with current National Registry practice at the basic level”, and a change to the second paragraph of 4.A. – “J. LeBrun indicated that she previously had two cases of hearing impaired persons wanting to take the practical exam”.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the January 16, 2001, meeting as amended, above (Bahr; Roderick - motion carries).

3. Old Business

A. Enhanced Intermediate

1. Intermediate Written Exam - Update

Staff reported that the revised Intermediate Exam has been printed and distributed. This latest revision (January 17, 2001) is the current version and is to be used for all EMT-Intermediate candidates. Revised (practical exam) skill sheets have also been printed and distributed.

There was general discussion on test results for the first few classes to take the revised exam. D. White reported a 78% pass rate for an Intermediate written exam conducted in region 6.

4. New Business

A. Next Steps

Members discussed the focus of the Committee now that the Intermediate Update evaluation component and the revised Intermediate written and practical exams have been completed. Staff distributed minutes from the 1999 retreat for the Committee's review.

It was agreed that completion of the Exam Administrators manual is a top priority. Two hours will be set aside next meeting to work on the manual.

Discussion continued to include concerns/recommendations from region 1 regarding the centralization of exams in light of the region's continuing struggle to conduct practical licensing exams. Consensus of the Committee was that conducting limited exams on a grand scale was not a practical solution to the problem.

Discussion continued regarding the number of pass/fails that occur with Maine EMS exams and the necessity of conducting a separate State practical exam at the EMT-B level.

The Committee concluded that the first step will be to gather statistics from the National Registry exams and from Maine EMS' written and practical exams in order to determine pass/fail rates and begin to explore possible alternatives in the examination process.

Staff will work on gathering statistics from the National Registry and from other data gathered as part of the Maine EMS exam process.

Staff will also explore the capabilities of the current scanning program and scanner in use by Maine EMS. It was suggested that answer sheets from EMT-I and EMT-P exams be gathered and analyzed.

B. Other

1. Agenda Addition - – Intubation questions regarding National Registry

D. Kinney inquired as to whether the NREMT written exam at the EMT-Basic level contained any questions regarding endotracheal intubation; the EMT-B curriculum includes intubation as an option. Staff reported that endotracheal intubation questions do not appear on the EMT-B National Registry Exam.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2001, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Maine EMS in Augusta.

A. Set Agenda - Next agenda to include:

1. Exam Administrators Manual
2. Data Update

6. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White